

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 1-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A) The prior art does not teach or would not have rendered obvious an apparatus (Fig. 3) for controlling a display of a combined digital video camcorder (DVC) and digital still camera (DSC), such as claimed in claims 1-7, the apparatus has: a first digital signal processor (item 100 or DSP-1) adapted to output a component output signal to a first input of a component switch (item 410 or SWITCH-1) and a composite output signal to a first input of a composite switch (item 420 or SWITCH-2); a second digital signal processor (item 200 or DSP-2) adapted to output a component output signal to a second input of said component switch and a composite output signal to a second input of said composite switch; and a picture-in-picture (item 300 or PIP) signal mixing unit adapted to receive a selected output from said component switch (410) and a selected output from said composite switch (420), and to generate a display output signal based on said selected output from said component switch and said selected output from said composite switch.

B) The prior art does not teach or would not have rendered obvious a method (Fig. 3) of controlling a display of a combined digital video camcorder (DVC) and digital still camera (DSC), such as claimed in claims 8-11, the method has the steps of: selecting (items SWITCH-1, SWITCH-2) a component output of a first digital signal processor

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(item 100 or DSP-1) and a composite output of a second digital signal processor (item 200 or DSP-2) when said camera is in a first mode; selecting (items SWITCH-1, SWITCH-2) a component output of said second digital signal processor (200) and a composite output of said first digital signal processor (100) when said camera is in a second mode; and generating a picture-in-picture (item 300 or PIP) output display comprising the selected component output signal combined with a sub-window generated from the selected composite output signal.

The closest prior art, Shintani (US 5,978,046) and Oguma (US 6,384,868) disclosed conventional system for combining images having picture-in-picture (PIP) capability, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render obvious the present invention as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (571) 272 7344. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272 7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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**JWD**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ometz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER